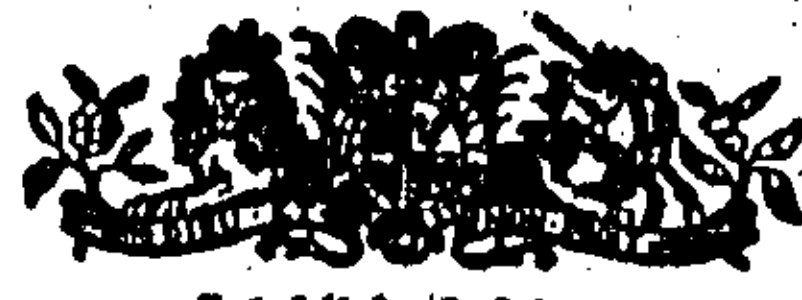


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A Break In The Clouds

NATIONAL pressures are combined at present with international compulsions to force the issue of disarmament. President Eisenhower is in sharp conflict with Congress over the vast defence appropriations, which the House Committee wants to cut by more than US\$2,580 millions.

The Kremlin, now involved in a tremendous decentralisation of administration of industrial and economic authority, professes to be more convinced than ever that the United States wants war. It would presumably be all the more eager to cease the inevitable negative and evasions which have characterised the Soviet attitude all through.

The Nato Powers are similarly in a dilemma over the British decision and the German anxiety arising therefrom. There is still the difficulty that Germany insists on the tenuous preservation of the link between her reunification and disarmament. What ever is done there must be some contribution to both if real progress is to be made.

MEANWHILE the signs and tokens of a break in the deadlock are growing. Admiral Radford, when he sounded off loudly earlier in the week, betrayed his own fears. He felt the ground beginning to move beneath his feet. The Secretary of Defence still keeps faith with the Service Chiefs and wants the proposed arms reduction or setting up an aerial-ground inspection zone would have to be presented to the Senate for approval.

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SUCH a decision could only be in the direction of a positive step forward. The last proposal from Moscow was that an aerial inspection scheme be agreed on to cover Siberia, Alaska, and the Western half of the United States, an agreement on a reduction of armed forces and other steps. It was President Eisenhower himself who first proposed in 1955 an aerial inspection scheme.

Details already disclosed of the plan now being considered in Washington call for a small cut in arms, covering missiles, ships, tanks, and atomic bombers as a first step. It is also proposed that nations not now possessing atomic weapons should not develop them. It is not merely a question of money that divides the President and Congress at the moment. There is deepening impatience at the long frustration at disarmament. This time there must be, and almost certainly will be, real progress.

In Your Saturday Mail

Tomorrow the China Mail will introduce its new daily serial: **A Man of the Century** — Sir Edmund Hillary by Brian Adams.

- ★ Suez: What jolly brought British to Shame? — Sefton Dalmer, Derek Marks and Frederick Ellis.
- ★ We Could Still Wipe that Smile off Nasser's face — Hugh Fraser, MP.
- ★ Britain has Nasser ON TAP — John Redfern.
- ★ The Vanishing British Communist Party — Les Armour.
- ★ Mikoyan, the Corn Flakes Commislar — Les Armour.
- ★ Lord Salisbury and the Noble House of Cecil — Sir Beverley Baxter, MP.

And then there will be show business by Alan Brjen and David Lewin: films, records, pages for women and children, not forgetting The Week in Pictures and Homeside Pictorial.

NEW DISARMAMENT PLAN

'Small Slice Arms Cut' Covers Most Weapons

Washington, May 23.

The new "first step" disarmament plan under discussion with Russia calls for a "small slice arms cut" covering missiles, ships, tanks and atomic bombers, it was revealed today.

Other parts of the plan call for an aerial-ground inspection to be set up on a test basis and proposals looking toward a reduction in military manpower and defence spending by the United States, Russia and other nations.

Any initial East-West agreement on arms reduction would provide that weapons taken out of US or Soviet stockpiles be delivered to international disarmament depots, which would be under careful inspection.

The plan further provides that nations which do not now have atomic weapons would not develop them. At present only the United States, Britain and Russia have atomic or hydrogen bombs in their arsenals.

Some details of the plan now being considered by the United States were disclosed as the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the presidential disarmament adviser, Mr Harold Stassen, briefed Senate leaders on negotiations with Russia today.

DOUBTS VOICED

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It was said that atomic and hydrogen bombs would not be covered in this first-stage agreement. But other arms, including planes capable of delivering nuclear bombs, would be reduced in number.

No precise formula for cutting major arms has been established. But officials at the London talks, attended by the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Canada, have been talking in terms of a 10 to 15 per cent cut.

TOP LEADERS

Mr Stassen was accompanied by the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, at a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-committee hearing to which top Senate leaders were invited. Earlier, Mr Stassen met President Eisenhower and the policy-making National Security Council.

Mr Dulles told the Senators the danger and cost of atomic and hydrogen weapons were so great that the United States must press for a "limited" disarmament agreement with Russia. Mr Stassen emphasised that the present goal was not "complete" but rather, partial disarmament.—United Press.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK BACKS UK H-BOMB

London, May 23.

The Archbishop of York today fully backed Britain's possession of nuclear bombs as a deterrent against aggression.

RACING OFF

THE last race meeting of the season which was to have been held at Happy Valley tomorrow has been postponed to June 1.

REARMING RAAF DISCUSSIONS

San Francisco, May 23.

An Australian defence mission, headed by the Defence Minister, Sir Philip McBride, arrived here today en route to Washington to discuss rearmament of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Sir Philip said his group, which includes Mr J. L. Knott, Secretary of the Department of Defence Production, would confer with US authorities so his government may "reach finally" on types of aircraft to be acquired.

Fighter aircraft scheduled to be under discussion during the two to three weeks Sir Philip will be in Washington include planes equivalent in performance to the Lockheed F-104A (Starfighter) and the C-130 Hercules, he said.

Sir Philip said general equipment discussions would be mainly exploratory and would result, he hoped, in a visit to Australia by a US technical mission.

Yesterday, the Australian Secretary of the Department of Defence, Mr E. W. Hicks, arrived here and then left for Washington. Sir Philip and his party will leave by plane tomorrow.—United Press.

Lloyds Win Bet Against Twins

New York, May 23.

Mrs Jenn Blechman, 29, lost a \$4 to \$1 bet with Lloyds of London today when she gave birth to her fifth son.

Mrs Blechman and husband David, 33, of Freeport, New York, put up \$1,875 to cover the possibility that they might become the parents of their third set of twins. Lloyds of London would have paid out \$25,000 if twins had been born.

But the stork, which arrived at 6:22 pm, had only a single bundle.

However, the Blechmans kept up one tradition—the baby was a boy. They also have two sets of twin boys, six and four years old.—United Press.

STREET BOMBING

Buenos Aires, May 23.

Three terrorist bombs went off here today, causing damage and injuries to passers-by.

A fourth was found on the balcony of a general's home. It was removed and exploded on a football field.—China Mail Special.

Briton Faces Deportation From US

Bridgeport, Conn., May 23.

A British subject faced deportation charges after being sentenced to the State prison today on a charge of robbery and violence.

Lesley Drahield, 30, was sentenced to a year and a day to three years by Judge John F. Cotter in the Superior Court.

Lesley pleaded guilty to striking the operator of a Norwalk liquor store on the head with a bottle and taking \$35 from a cash box on the afternoon of March 27.

Lesley's lawyer, Public Defender John F. McGowan, said Drahield is a British subject from Bermuda and faces deportation proceedings.—United Press.

US HAS HK WEATHER TROUBLE

Chicago, May 23.

An unrelenting weather barrage sent new tornado storms and crop-ruining floods rolling across America's midlands today.

Winds of hurricane force smashed Dallas and Fort Worth, leaving flash floods eight feet deep. Weather forecasters warned that more tornadoes might hit East Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

To the north and east, flood crests built up on the Mississippi River, and Mississippi River. Nearly 100 families were forced from their homes in Southern Illinois, farm activity was far behind schedule in the Middle West and Plains states, and crop damage in Oklahoma was already counted in the millions of dollars.

The United Press counted at least 54 weather-caused deaths since the latest weather onslaught opened up on Monday night, with a tornado which ripped the Kansas City area. The newest fatality was one of those injured in the Kansas City twister, bringing the city's death toll to 39.—United Press.

Mussolini Treasure Looted?

Padua, Italy, May 23.

A former partisan leader entrusted with the winding-up of accounts of partisan groups in Northern Italy today expressed the belief that the Mussolini treasure was looted by villagers.

Colonel Mario Argenton, who represented the liberal forces of the Underground, told the "Dongo Treasure" tribunal that he had been informed that a total of about 80 lb of gold and some 33,000,000 lire (1945 value US\$2,040,000) of foreign currency had been recovered. Of this, he said, the liquidation office saw barely a total of 100 gold pieces.—United Press.

USED THIRD DEGREE

Nicosia, May 23.

A Greek Cypriot journalist freed a murder charge because the accused man's confession was obtained under third degree treatment.

Judge Shaw threw out a "confession" by Nicos Sampson because the defendant had been given treatment "which should not be meted out to any person whether convicted or unconvicted."

Sampson had been accused of murdering British police sergeant Cyril Thoroughgood on Nicosia's Ledra Street, last September.

Sampson was remanded in custody until next week on another charge—that he discharged a firearm during his arrest on January 30.—United Press.

Plane Blows Fuel Pump In Record Attempt

Fairbanks, May 23.

A BRITISH Canberra jet bomber, attempting to set a record from London to Tokyo, blew a fuel pump about 300 miles southwest of here today and was forced to return to Land Air Force Base for repairs.

Wing Comdr. R. F. Hartman, pilot of the bomber, said he hoped to continue the trip early tonight or tomorrow morning.

The twin-engined plane, Aeris V, returned here at 8:15 a.m.

Prior to the fuel pump trouble, the Canberra was well ahead of its schedule which called for completion of the flight in 18 hours 55 minutes, at an average speed of 460 miles per hour.

The jet was 40 minutes of schedule when it first landed at Lodd to refuel. Cruising at 50,000 feet, it was timed at 7 hours, 45 minutes between Iceland and Fairbanks.—United Press.

LORD SALISBURY ATTACKS GOVERNMENT Free World Would Have Rallied To Britain Over Suez

London, May 23.

The "rebel" Marquis of Salisbury said today he believed the free nations of the world would have rallied to the side of Britain if she had stood firm over Suez.

The Marquis, 64, was opening a debate in the House of Lords on the Conservative Government's Suez policies. He was one of the most powerful figures in the Government until he resigned recently in protest at the release from exile of Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Cypriot Union-with-Greece Movement.

Lord Salisbury said the decision "to accept Nasser's terms" on the Suez Canal might have the most far-reaching repercussions.

Lord Salisbury continued: "I have found it rather difficult to accept the suggestion that a partial boycott (of the Suez Canal) by one or two countries would have been completely valueless. The moral effect might have been very considerable."

"By so doing, we should have regained what we have lost—the moral leadership of the world, a leadership which the United States seems rather reluctant to take up."

A PERMANENCY

He said he gravely feared that unless positive action was taken there would be no settlement reached on the Suez issue, and the present position would become a permanency.

He was "absolutely persuaded" there would have been a war involving Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and possibly Saudi Arabia.

In that event, he did not believe either Britain or other countries could for long have remained aloof.

There was no vote when the debate ended.—China Mail Special.

EDEN STILL VERY SICK

Ottawa, May 23.

Sir Anthony Eden is still a "very sick man" but is making reasonable progress in continuing his recovery from an abdominal operation, a Government House spokesman said today.

The former British Prime Minister, came to Ottawa on May 6 for rest and sunshine after a bile duct obstruction was removed in an operation in Boston. He is the guest of the Governor-General, Mr Vincent Massey.

Government House said Sir Anthony would leave Montreal next Tuesday aboard the Empress of Britain for the return trip to the United Kingdom.—United Press.

Lord Salisbury said the Government had switched its policy twice in the last few months, first over the release of Archbishop Makarios, and then over the terms for the use of the Suez Canal.

If there was no consistency, he added, other countries would come to think Britain was always bluffing.

Lord Attlee, former Labour Prime Minister, said about Suez: "The Government has lost every point in the game and has done nothing else whatever but surrender."

The act of intervention was "wrong, foolish, and most ineptly carried out." The Opposition had every right to say so.

Turning to Lord Salisbury's resignation, he said what had offended Lord Salisbury was that the Government of the day had to "face the results of its own folly."

A PRELUDE

Lord Attlee went on: "Lord Salisbury's complaint is that the Government will not persist in that folly."

Lord Home, who succeeded Lord Salisbury as leader of the House, said: "Colonel Nasser's 'seizure' of the Canal was a prelude to much more ambitious plans of conquest. But Colonel Nasser had now been exposed to the Arab world as 'politically unreliable, economically bankrupt and as a military squib.' Lord Home added.

Lord Hallsham, Minister of Education, who was First Lord of the Admiralty at the time of the Suez crisis, said that it was "utterly false" to suggest that the Anglo-French intervention

ALASKA— 49TH STATE OFFER

Washington, May 23.

A House sub-committee approved a bill today to make Alaska the 49th State—provided Alaskans agree in a special election that they want to be admitted to the Union.

The surprise amendment, providing for the special election, was tacked on to the measure at the last minute at the request of Representative John Pillion. If Alaskans vote against immediate admission, the present bill would be scrapped and Statehood proponents would have to "start all over again."—United Press.

US UNION SUSPENDED

Washington, May 23.

The 35,000-member Laundry Workers Union was suspended from the AFL-CIO today and two other unions—the Distillery Workers and Allied Industrial Workers—were placed on one-year probation for misuse of welfare funds.

The crackdown by the AFL-CIO Executive Council came as the House Labour Committee scheduled hearings next week aimed at drafting legislation to protect union welfare funds against "pilaging." The Chairman, Graham Barden, said some \$40,000,000 was at stake.

The AFL-CIO high command announced that it would recommend at the AFL-CIO convention in December that the Laundry Workers Union be expelled outright.—United Press.

ALI KHAN SELLS PAINTINGS

Paris, May 23.

A collection of paintings, owned by Prince Ali Khan, was sold by auction in Paris today for some \$235,000.

The Prince, and the American film star Elizabeth Taylor, attended the auction.

Miss Taylor's husband, Mike Todd, paid \$21,000 for a self-portrait by Degas. But, top price, \$23,000, was paid for a Raoul Dufy canvas, "Deauville Races."—France-Press.

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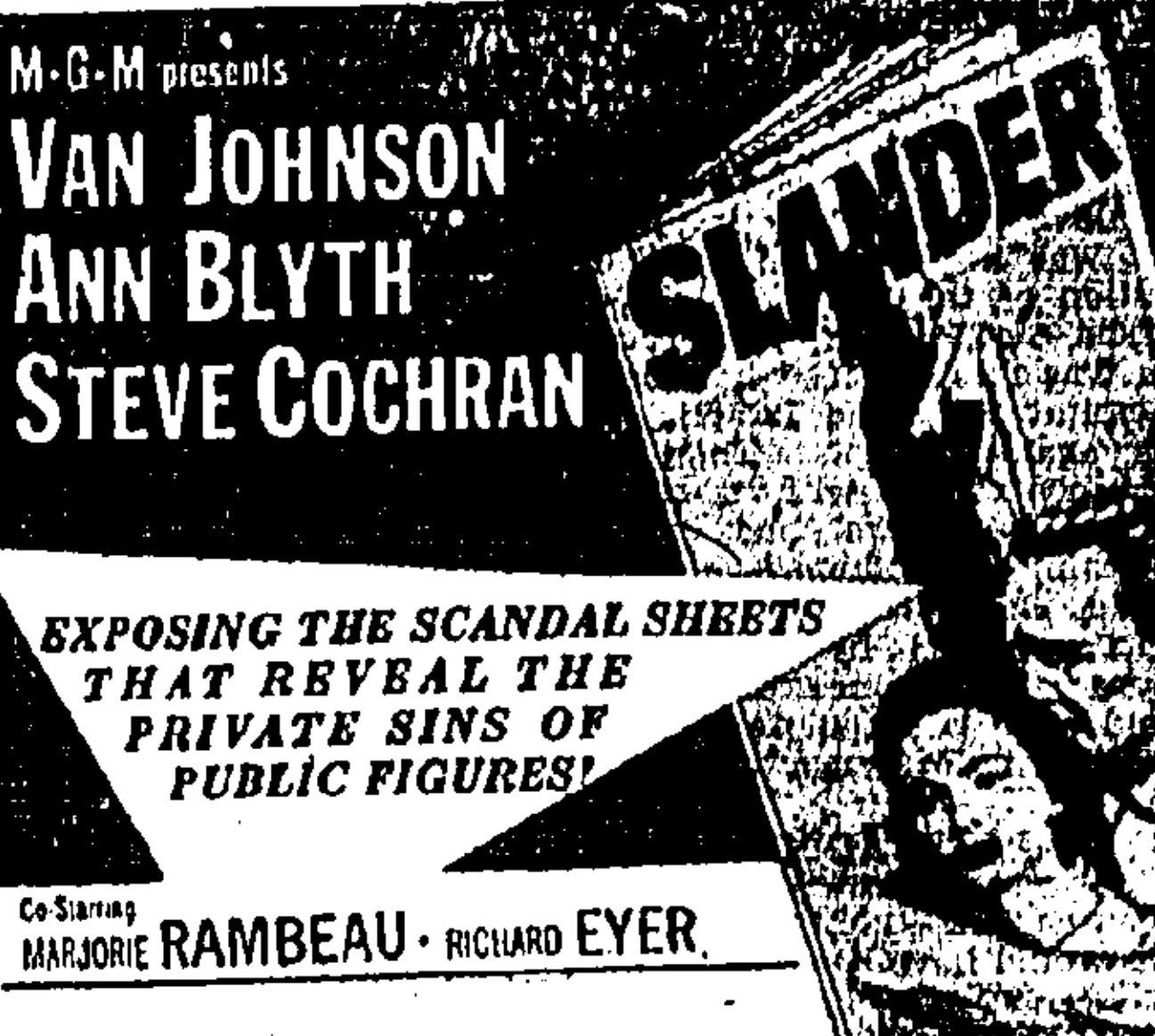
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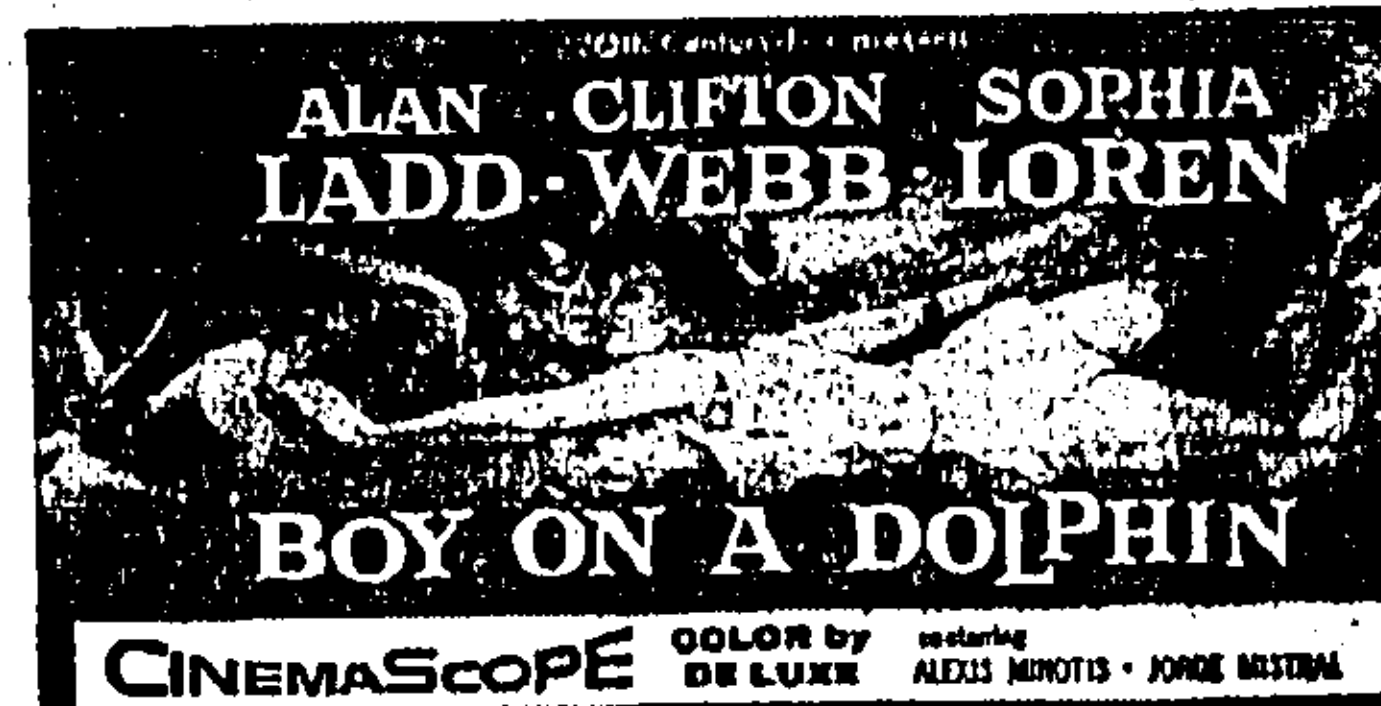
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Tunisian Cabinet Recalls Envoys For Meeting

Tunis, May 23.

The Tunisian Cabinet called an emergency session today to study France's surprise announcement it was cutting off all financial aid to its former protectorate because of Tunisian aid and comfort to the Algerian rebels.

The French aid amounted to about \$35,000,000 for the current year. Its abrupt stoppage sharply cooled Tunisian-French relations, already strained by other matters since Tunisia won its independence from France on March 20, 1956.

Official sources indicated Tunisian leaders would get

together with diplomatic representatives of other Western powers in an effort to obtain from other sources the help cut off by France. Tunisia, a lukewarm backer of the Eisenhower Doctrine, is getting \$11,500,000 in US aid this year.

Some observers believed the cutting off of French aid may set the West back in its efforts to woo North African Arab lands as a bulwark against Communism.

The Tunisian Cabinet today decided to recall all its envoys from Western and Arab countries for talks on steps to be taken following France's suspension of financial aid to Tunisia yesterday.

The decision was announced tonight by the Prime Minister, M. Habib Bourguiba, who said in a broadcast that the French move, made because of Tunisia's attitude on Algeria, broke an economic treaty agreed by France and Tunisia only a month ago.

Cancelled

He said Tunisia now considered all economic, financial and monetary treaties between France and Tunisia as cancelled.

Tunisia did not want to break with France, and her relations with other countries of the free world would not be affected by this one instance of inconsiderate action.

He also accused France of failing to deliver promised arms to Tunisia on the ground that they might fall into the hands of Algerian insurgents, and of interfering in arms deals between Tunisia, Belgium, Sweden and Germany.—Reuter and United Press.

INTENTION

"There are sections of the population here who have openly stated that it is their intention to push the Europeans into the sea," he declared. Europeans claimed no special privileges, but if there was a concerted effort to take from them what they felt they had a right to as ordinary members of the community, then a strong association could speak on their behalf.—Reuter.

Russian Tourists

Rome, May 23. Some 400 Soviet tourists arrived here this morning, the first Russian group this year to join the thousands of foreign tourists jamming Rome. The Soviet visitors arrived at Naples earlier this morning aboard the Russian ship "Gruzie", from Odessa in the Black Sea.—United Press.

France's Leon Blum, watched by his wife, climbs out of his aircraft after breaking the world record for upside-down flying. His time was one hour and 15 minutes, 10 minutes better than the previous record, also held by a Frenchman, Fred Nicolle.—Express Photo.

THE QUEEN HAS PICNIC LUNCH

Copenhagen, May 23. Red-coated huntsmen escorted Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip through the forests as they drove for a picnic lunch to the Royal Hunting Lodge Eremitagen on the outskirts of the Danish capital today.

It was the third and last day of the State visit.

As the Royal cars entered the forests the huntsmen galloped across the fields and through the beech copses towards them.

Across the fields and among the fresh green foliage hundreds of red deer were grazing, apparently unworried by the thousands of Copenhagen citizens who lined the roads.

The crowds cheered excitedly as the Royal party entered the white 18th century hunting lodge.

A total of 36 people took part in the luncheon, for which the menu consisted of salmon, pigeon, cheese and cakes.

SEE SWEDEN

After about two hours the Royal party left the lodge. They returned home by another route which skirts the seashore and from which they could see the southernmost coast of Sweden.

After a private reception at the Canadian Embassy, the Queen drove to Britannia where she was entertaining King Frederik, Queen Ingrid, Princess Margrethe and other members of the Danish Royal family at a banquet.

The banquet marks the end of the official part of the visit. Afterwards Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will drive to Frederiksberg to spend the next two days there as the private guests of King Frederik.—Reuter.

ANNIVERSARY EVERY SATURDAY

Paris, May 23. Hollywood director Mike Todd bought three pictures—total cost \$800,000 francs (\$29,800)—as a special wedding anniversary present for his actress wife Elizabeth Taylor in Paris today. When asked when the special anniversary was, Todd replied "Well Saturday, of course, we have a special wedding anniversary celebration every Saturday night."—China Mail Special.

BELIEF THAT NO LONGER WOOLING BONN

By GERRY LONG

Bonn, May 23. Moscow's delay in replying to the West German note of April 15 offering an immediate start to trade talks in Moscow has caused considerable speculation in Bonn.

Until then, the Russians had shown great interest in negotiating a trade treaty, the prospect of which was first brought up by Marshal Bulganin in a personal letter to Dr Adenauer in February.

Today, Herr von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister, asked Mr. Andrei Smirnov, the Soviet Ambassador, to secure an early reply from his Government to the West German offer of trade negotiations, usually well informed sources said.

No Reply

The absence of a reply, and the tone of the Soviet's April 27 "Atomic Graveyard" note have led diplomatic circles here to believe that Moscow has lost interest in promoting good relations with Dr Adenauer.

Two reasons are put forward in these circles for the change in the Russian attitude:

★ 1. The Russians were glad to have a strong Adenauer while they were re-establishing their firm hold of Eastern Europe, shaken by the events of last autumn in Poland and Hungary. The Poles, for example, might be less willing to loosen links with Moscow if their fear of a strong West German Government could be maintained.

With the settling down of the situation in Eastern Europe, and the strong support Moscow has received from Communist China, the need for a German "hedge man" has fallen off, some diplomatic sources consider.

★ 2. Dr Adenauer has been in difficulties over his policy on atomic weapons, which he has refused to renounce for ever, as the opposition wants him to. Some diplomatic sources believe Moscow sees in this attitude, which the Chancellor himself thinks may be unpopular, a chance that he may lose the September 15 general election.

The feeling that Moscow is no longer wooing Bonn was confirmed in the opinion of diplomatic observers here by the recent letter sent by Marshal Bulganin

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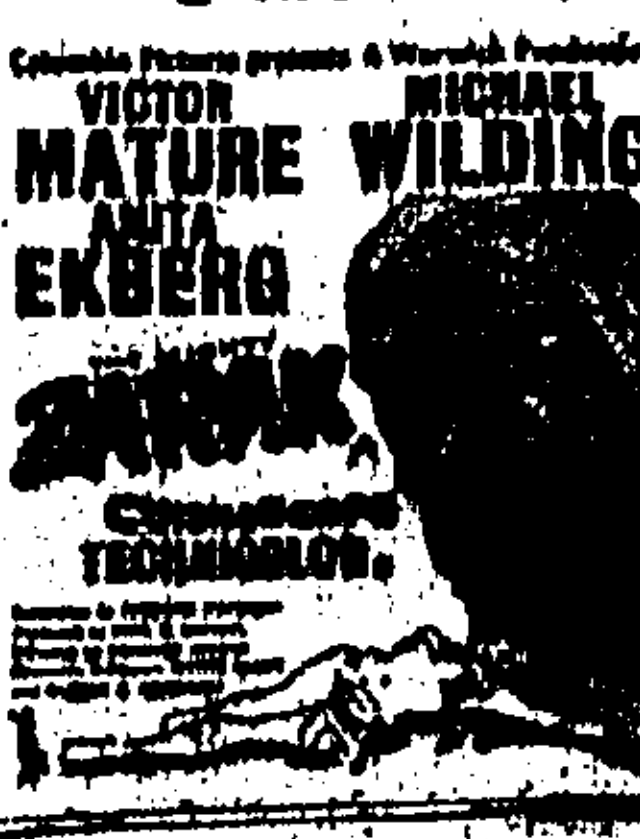
Pleasanton, Cal., May 23. A mechanical hand cut a ribbon and peacetime development of atomic energy by American private enterprise took a seven-league step forward.

Three men, representing science, private enterprise and government, started in motion a chain reaction, yesterday that made the "hand" rise from the floor and cut the ribbon that officially opened General Electric Company's \$10 million Vallecitos Atomic Laboratory.

It is America's largest privately financed atomic research plant aimed at developing cheap, plentiful power. It will be used primarily to perfect nuclear fuels and turbines but before the year is out a small amount of atomic electricity power made here will flow into northern California homes.—United Press.

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GRUELLING TEST FOR USAF MAN

Almagorod, N. Mex., May 23.

A 31-year-old American Air Force officer prepared today for one of the most gruelling tests ever undergone by man, in which he will attempt to remain for 12 hours in a narrow sealed tube at an altitude of 95,000 feet.

The officer, Captain Kittinger, will take off in the next 48 hours on the tube, which is three feet in diameter and seven feet long, and hangs from a 200-foot balloon filled with non-inflammable helium.

Kittinger will remain in contact with the ground by means of radio equipment in the tube. His experiment will prepare the way for one by Major David Simons, who will seek early next month to attain 110,000 feet.

Simons intends to remain 24 hours at this height which is in the tenth and final non-explored layer of the earth's atmosphere.

If Kittinger reaches 95,000 feet, he will break the balloon altitude record of 70,000 which was set last November by Malcolm Ross and Morion Lewis.—France-Press.

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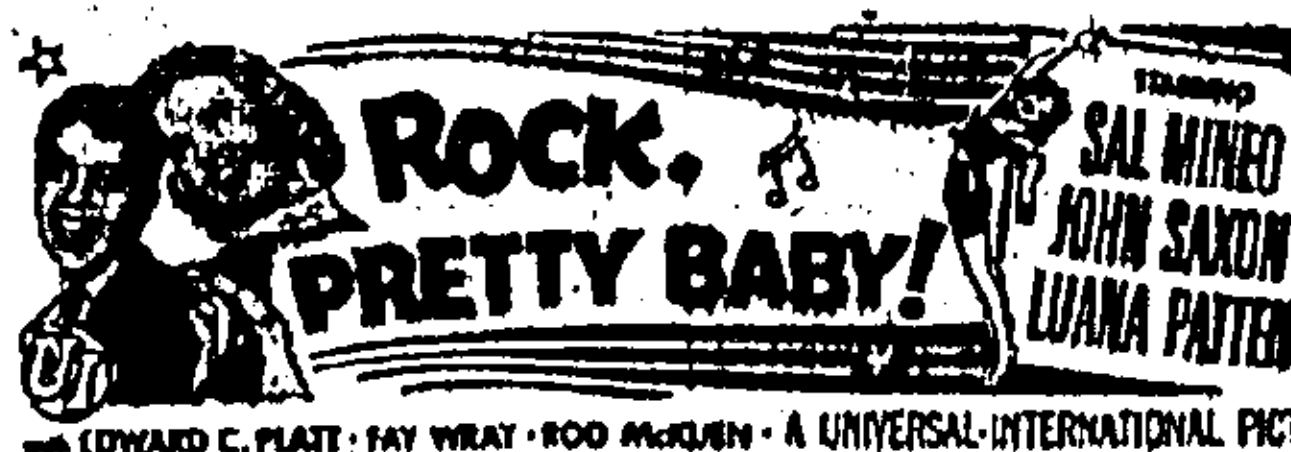
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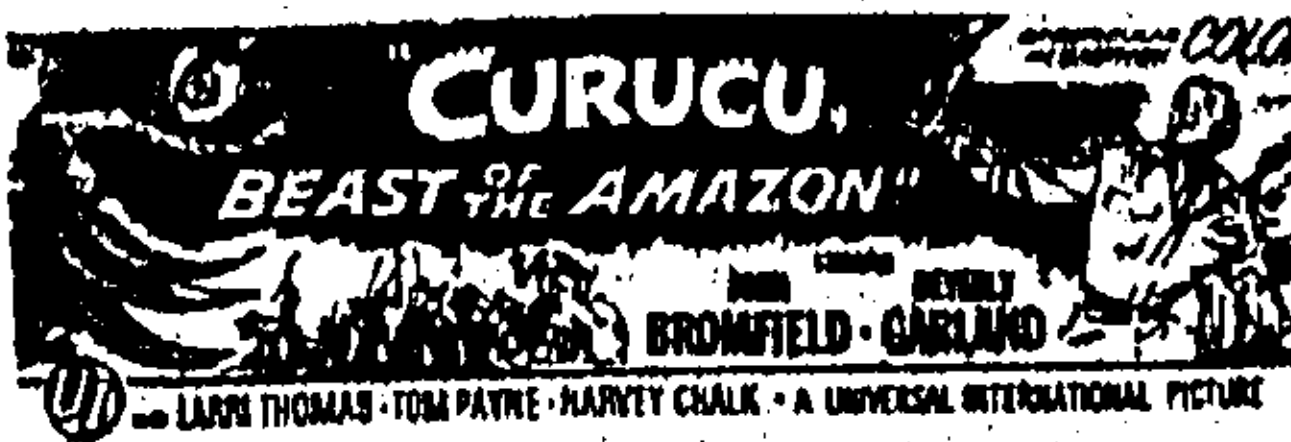
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MENDES-FRANCE RESIGNS FROM LEADERSHIP

SOVIET OCCUPATION OF SHIKOTAN AND HABOMAI

Washington, May 23. Officials said today that the United States action in again challenging the Soviet occupation of Shikotan and the Habomai and southern Kurile Islands was undertaken deliberately to keep the matter alive in international opinion.

The State Department believed that the time had come to remind the world again that these islands are Japanese territory which should be returned to that country, they added.

The United States raised the issue in a lengthy note to the Soviet Union demanding that Moscow pay \$750,000 for destroying a US Air Force plane over northern Japan in November 1954.

Illegal

The US contends the Soviet action in shooting down an American aircraft took place over international waters. Thus, the question of who has a right

to the islands mentioned does not affect the claim. Nevertheless, American officials thought the renewal of the damage claim offered a good opportunity to point out that the Soviet Union is in "illegal" occupation of the Habomai and Shikotan, just off the northern Japanese home island of Hokkaido, and the two southern Kurile Islands of Etorofu and Kunashiri.

The Soviet Union has agreed to return the Habomai and Shikotan to Japan when the two countries conclude a formal peace treaty. So far they have only a joint declaration of "normalization of relations" signed last October to end the State of War and restore trade relations.

The Russians refused even to discuss the fate of the two big islands in the south Kuriles.

American Support

The United States note to Russia today said that the American government "support the Japanese government's contention that the Habomai group of islands is an integral part of the national territory of Japan which the Soviet government continues to occupy illegally."

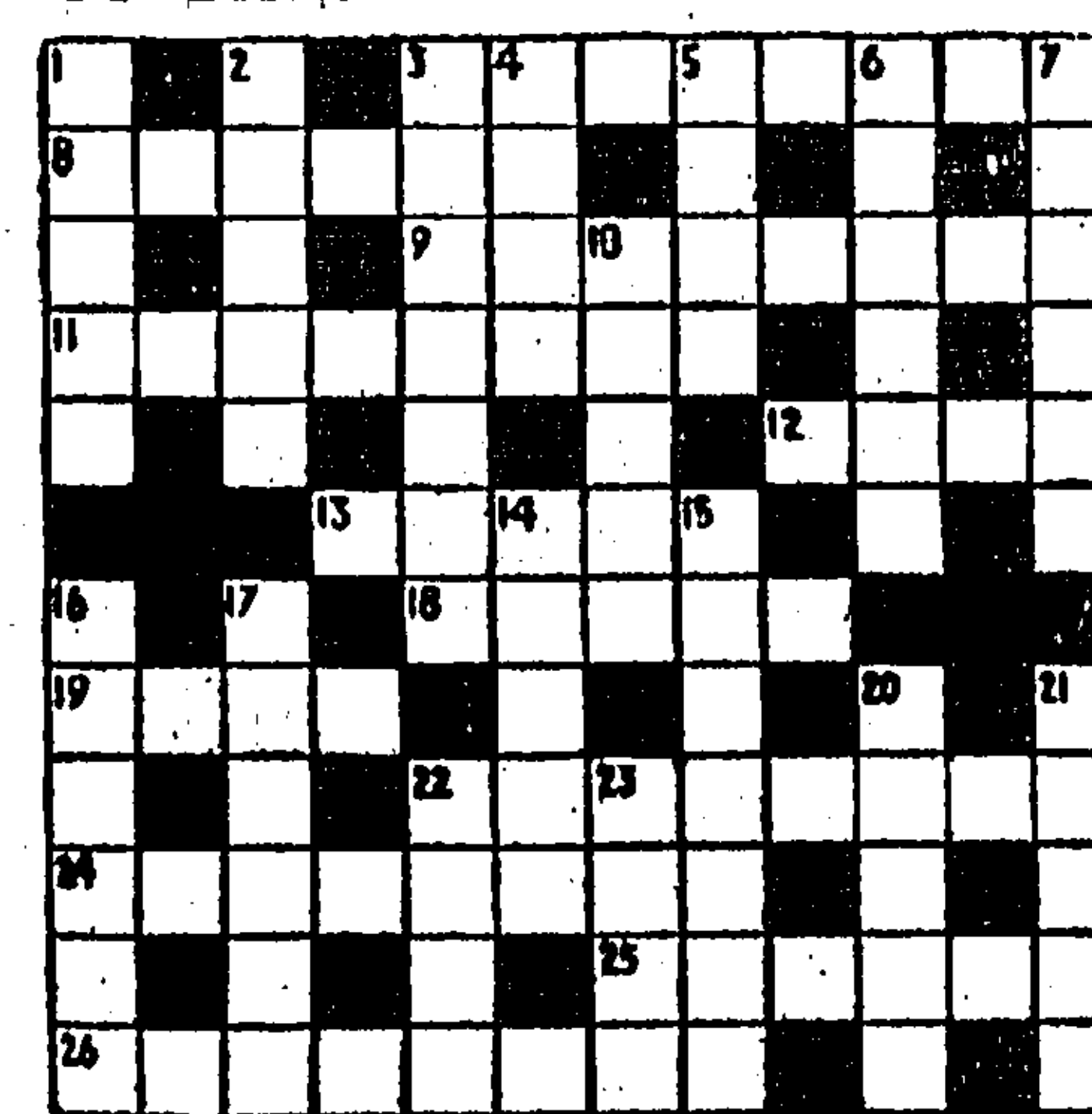
The United States denied that any wartime agreements "provide any justification for Soviet appropriation of any territory," particularly that mentioned. It said Soviet military experts after a careful study of the operations in the Sinai campaign last autumn.

Israeli infantry units now generally are equipped with the Belgian-made FN semi-automatic rifle—the basic infantry weapon of the Nato Forces. While the rifles increase the firepower of each unit, they also increase the demand for better-trained section leaders.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Ministry spokesman last night reaffirmed Israel's determination to send a "test ship" through the waterway.

The spokesman, Moshe Leshem said, "unchanged and unaffected" by the latest UN Security Council deliberations.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Chaos (8).
 - Models change, but not often here (6).
 - Popular pianist (8).
 - Repeats (8).
 - Rank (4).
 - Send (6).
 - Tendon (5).
 - Blind (4).
 - One who holds academic degree (8).
 - Enraged (8).
 - Sovereign trial (6).
 - Solar rays (8).
- DOWN**
- On the move (5).
 - Slumber (5).
 - Consoles (7).
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 - Sheep (4).
 - Calamitous (6).
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 - Commence (5).
 - Head-dress (5).
 - Offers for railway stock? (7).
 - Sunbather (8).
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 - Refuge (5).
 - Distributes (5).
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QUEEN OF GREECE KISSING A RELIC



King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece have been on their annual spring tour of the Aegean Islands, and here the queen is pictured kissing a relic of St. Theodore—in the form of a flag—during a visit to the island of Mytilene. The relic was presented her by the Holy Father of St. Theodore Church during a religious ceremony on the island. —Express Photo.

QUEEN SORAYA SEES TOP GYNAECOLOGIST IN SPAIN?

Madrid, May 23. Queen Soraya of Iran ended a day of semi-seclusion this evening to join her royal husband at a bullfight held in their honour.

JAPAN: A SATELLITE OF CHINA?

Los Angeles, May 23. Mr Eugene M. Lang said here today that Japan could become an "economic satellite" of China within ten to twenty years unless United States businessmen convinced the Japanese there were no political strings attached to US financial overtures.

Mr Lang of New York, has just completed a six weeks' trip to Japan as a representative of the US Commerce Department. "We should do all we can to acquaint Japanese industry with what American markets have to offer," Mr Lang said at a press conference. "The Japanese people are badly misinformed about methods of doing business in the US."

"The Japanese are encountering stiff trade barriers from India and Communist China in Southeast Asia," he said.—Reuter.

Postpone Tests Resolution

London, May 23. Women members of Britain's Liberal Party in conference at Southend-on-Sea today passed a resolution urging Britain to take the lead in postponing further hydrogen bomb tests pending the reports of various scientific committees. One speaker, Mrs L. Masterman, said she had obtained 18,400 signatures to a petition for postponing further tests in the Pacific and was hoping to send it to Queen Elizabeth. "There is an appalling rumour that these bombs are going to get cheaper," she said. "If this is true we should have them being exploded all over the globe. Now is the time when it should be possible to stop these test explosions. 'Somebody has got to give the lead and take the first step.'"

INDIAN HUSBAND WANTS ROSSELLINI EXPELLED

Bombay, May 23. The Bombay Chronicle said today the husband of the beautiful Indian script writer whose name has been linked romantically with Roberto Rossellini has asked the government to expel the Italian movie director. The English-language newspaper said Hari Das Gupta, 27, had written to the Central Government at New Delhi asking Rossellini to be declared an undesirable alien and ordered to leave India. Rossellini flew to New Delhi last night. He told reporters he went to the capital on personal business but refused to explain. There were unconfirmed reports that he had been asked to seek a passport for Mrs Das Gupta. Mrs Das Gupta has been working with Rossellini on a series of documentary films. The newspaper said Das Gupta filed a petition with the Central Government at New Delhi asking Rossellini to be declared an undesirable alien and ordered to leave India. Rossellini flew to New Delhi last night. He told reporters he went to the capital on personal business but refused to explain. There were unconfirmed reports that he had been asked to seek a passport for Mrs Das Gupta. Mrs Das Gupta has been working with Rossellini on a series of documentary films. The newspaper said Das Gupta filed a petition with the Central Government at New Delhi asking Rossellini to be declared an undesirable alien and ordered to leave India.

VATICAN REPLIES TO CHERWELL

Vatican City, May 23. The Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano today replied to statements by Lord Cherwell, the British scientist, in which he criticised Pope Pius XII for declaring that nuclear tests were a threat to the health of humanity.

The Vatican newspaper was replying to a letter by Lord Cherwell published in the Times on May 21, in which he said: "It does seem to be a dangerous precedent for the head of the Roman Church even to appear to adjudicate on a scientific question in dispute."

The Osservatore Romano said: "The Pope knows that if the scientific question (whether nuclear tests have harmful genetic effects) is in fact controversial, then the possibility of an unprecedented, inhuman irreparable danger is not yet excluded."

"The Pope knows the evidence of those who have suffered atrociously from the effects of atomic tests and pleads for their cessation for the common good."

"It seems to us a precedent that is by no means dangerous," the newspaper added.—China Mail Special.

FAURE LUNCHES WITH CHOU

Peking, May 23. Former French Premier, Edgar Faure (Conservative RGR) now visiting Peking is to lunch privately with Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai tomorrow.

Although such conversations are usually confidential, political circles here consider this meeting as important.

It is understood that the Chinese Government is seeking to learn more through direct contact and exchanges of view on the current evolution of the European situation.—France-Press.

Biggest Setback For Leftwing Radical Party

Paris, May 23. M. Pierre Mendes-France today resigned the leadership of the leftwing Radical Party, deputies said after a meeting of the Radical Executive.

The official party title of M. Mendes-France, former "New Deal" Prime Minister, was First Vice-President, but he has in fact led the party since he won control at a Radical Congress two years ago.

M. Mendes-France resigned after being outvoted on a demand for the expulsion of two Radical deputies who voted for the Mallet Government in last Tuesday's confidence vote in the National Assembly.

The Party orders were that only the Radical ministers should support the Government and that the rest should abstain.

Obliged

M. Mendes-France later announced at a press conference that he felt obliged to resign as "the situation no longer allows me to guarantee to party militants that decisions taken should be applied and respected."

The expulsion of the two deputies had been demanded



M. Mendes-France
No Guarantee That Decisions Respected

because they had failed to appear before the Radical Committee to explain their act of "disobedience" in voting for the Government. The Committee over-ruled the expulsion demand and decided merely to give them a severe reprimand and to reprimand two other deputies who also voted for the Government but obeyed the summons to explain why.

The former Premier said he would submit his resignation to the Radical Executive Committee.

SIAMESE TWINS SEPARATED

Youngstown, May 23. Siamese twins linked at the abdomen, were separated successfully during a four-hour operation here today, attended by four surgeons, six specialists and five nurses.

The babies, James and John Freeman, were born on April 26. Their mother underwent a Caesarian operation. The only important difficulty during the operation was that the twins shared the same liver.

Unless complications set in, infection or over-loss of blood for example, the two brothers will be able to leave hospital in two weeks, doctors estimated. The surgeons who performed the operation were guided by a colour film of a similar operation carried out recently in a London hospital. Today's operation was also filmed in colour.—France-Press.

'POOR' MAN LEAVES LARGE ESTATE

Los Angeles, May 23. The \$125,325 estate left by an Englishman who lived most of his life in poverty and died in a shabby rooming house has been ordered distributed equally among his English heirs.

Sidney Hopwood Langdale, 68, died here last year and left no will. Police discovered only \$11.48 on Langdale's person but a search of the room turned up a bankbook showing a \$1,679 balance and a key to a safety deposit box which contained \$120,000 in stock. His English heirs reported months later that Langdale had signed a will before he vanished from Westcliff-on-the-Sea in 1922. He was declared legally dead in England in 1935.

Superior Judge Harold W. Schwelger yesterday ruled that the English will was valid. Under the terms of the will the estate will go in equal shares to the estate of Mrs Rebecca Creed, widow of Langdale's longtime solicitor, Harold J. Creed, and their daughters, Mrs Marlon C. Gunnell and Marjorie Creed.—United Press.

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The Count Is Never Out

Chapter 12



THE 1956 L.P. releases of the Count Basie Orchestra met with tremendous success. Not only were the Count's fans of old delighted, but the discs drew thousands of new followers. The sides proved time and again that Count believes that in good jazz the music must be danceable.

"If anyone were to ask who swings more than anyone else," says Norman Grant, the man who arranged the sessions I mentioned, "the chances are nine out of 10 would reply Count Basie."

SOLID

Basie never has to resort to crowd-pleasing antics like marching up and down the aisles with his men, blowing frantic riffs into the crowd to get them worked up. He generates just as much excitement from pure music. Certainly a rare feat in these days when a honking tenor man, a flue-throated octopus-like "singer," and an over-amplified electric guitar are considered necessary to rouse the youngsters, by playing rock 'n' roll.

That Basie can be so successful in the midst of this morass of shamefully debased jazz, playing the way he wants to, regardless of public whim, is proof enough that the Count is jazz, TRUE jazz.

His music retains much of the early, basic feeling of his big band. But it has absorbed new ideas. Blended them among well-established and trusted formulas. Until what has emerged is the best of two musical worlds.

For a man to make a comeback on the scale of Basie's at an age when many men are of fixed habits and ideas, is great indeed.

It remains to be seen if the Bill Haley and Elvis Presleys of the music business will be heaped in success when they are 50. It remains to be seen whether their contributions will even be remembered when they reach such an age.

Basie's music of 20 years ago and more is still respected and acclaimed by the discerning music lover. And there seems little reason to doubt that

20 years from now, his big band recordings will be held up as superb examples of thrilling arranging, full of swinging, biting jazz solos, as heart-warming as countless thousands find them today.

With the Count on these historic '55, '56 recordings are men of the calibre of Marshall Royal, alto, Ernie Wilkins, alto, Frank Foster, Frank Wess, Tenors, Charlie Fowlkes, baritone, Wendell Culley, Joe Newman, Reunald Jones and Thad Jones, trumpets, Henry Coker, Ben Powell, Bill Hughes, trombones, Freddie Green, guitar, Eddie Jones, bass, and drummer Gus Johnson and Sonny Payne.

If any vocalist could suit the Basie band, Joe Williams does. Tall, sedate, gangling Joe has a terrific admiration for Basie. To sing with the band is the greatest delight for this boy from Cordele.

Joe spent most of his youth in another great jazz city—Chicago. They say he is a "blues bawler." That he has a "ball" when he sings is Joe's reply to that one.

His singing of "Every Day" made that song the first genuine record hit to come Basie's way since 1941. It also made Joe's name.

Much of his singing style stems back to the days of Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey, and even beyond. His singing has an earthy quality found in so many of the old Negro blues shouters.

To make a hit out of a song sung in this manner illustrates the enormous appeal of the way Joe has adapted a wealth of blues history into his own unique phrasing and ideas. No one can be said to sing like Joe.

Other recorded songs by the Basie-Williams combination include "The Comeback"—an apt title—"Roll 'em Pete," a rollicking re-hash of a number well-known to fans of boogie pianist Pete Johnson. "Teach me tonight," a popular ballad which lends itself to the swinging ideas of both men. "Alright, OK, You Win," and "My Baby Upsets me," written by Joe.

Perfect examples of finest kind of restrained ballad singing are spotlighted on "In the

Evening," and "Every Day I Fall in Love."

John Lewis, brilliant bearded pianist—originator of the Modern Jazz Quartet, has this to say of the Count's music:

"The band has some of the greatest jazz soloists exchanging and improvising ideas with and counter to the ensemble and the rhythm section, the whole permeated with the folk-blues element developed to the most exciting degree."

"I don't think it is possible to plan or make that kind of thing happen. It is a natural product. All we can do is reach and strive for it."

It is fitting that the last word should go to Willard Alexander, life-long friend and admirer of Basie.

Says Willard: "My personal experiences with Basie have been some of the most wonderful experiences that I have shared in my life. They date from the very first day that I heard Basie, when I flew with John Hammond to Kansas City to hear him play at the Reno Club, that small night club, with a small band, back in 1935."

"This was a great experience. It was a much greater experience to see him develop over a period of years with the big band, and to be privileged to sit in on some of the great sessions both with the little and big band after hours. By sitting in, I don't mean I performed, I merely listened."

"As a man, he is one of the great men I have met in the industry. He has warmth, integrity, and a great simplicity that makes the man a giant. My personal feeling as to the contribution he has made to music is unlimited."

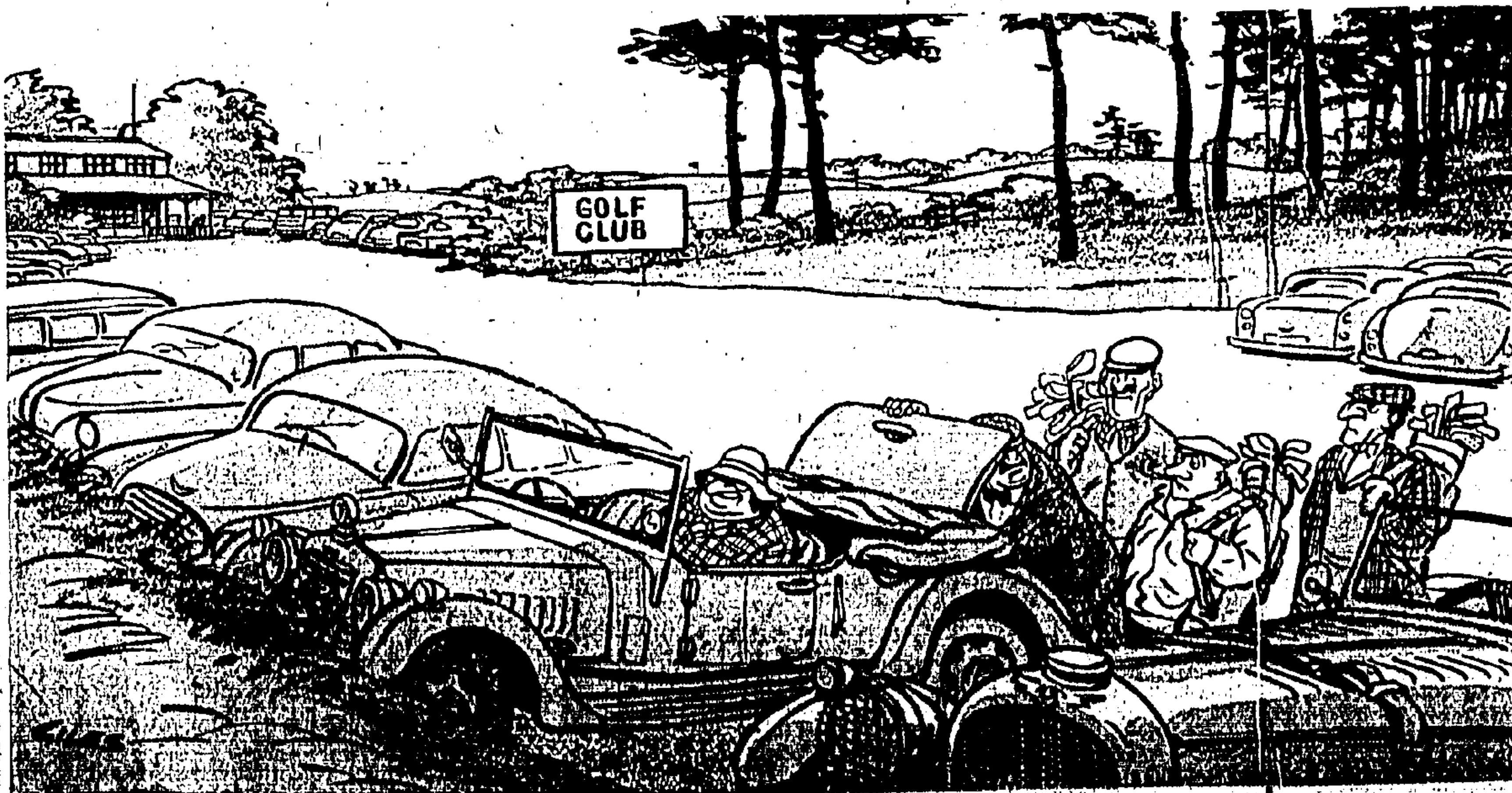
"Throughout the years, the Basie music has been so exciting and so simple, that it is astounding how exciting music can be when it is played so simple."

"I think no one in the jazz idiom has ever developed this particular point more than Basie."

And Basie? What does he say? "I hope to continue to try and have, if humanly possible, always a great, great swing band."

END

by Noel Wain



"Having got supplementary coupons for running my wife's poor old mother around for her health, the end of rationing presents a bit of a problem."

EMPIRE DAY—a

date that rings with DESTINY
by Tom Stacey

KITCHEN TIME
is sermon time
FOR THE REV. ELSIE

I HAVE just met a woman missionary whose headquarters is one minute from Oxford Circus, and whose huge heathen flock is 3,000,000 before eight in the morning, another 1,000,000 at "Five to Ten," and over 1,000,000 each Thursday at tea-time.

For the Rev. Elsie Chamberlain is the only ordained woman in the Religious Department at Broadcasting House, and produces six of the most popular religious programmes on sound and TV.

"I look on myself as a missionary because three-quarters of my listeners never go to church," she says logically.

Miss Chamberlain's aim is to relate religion to everyday life. "I want to cure people of talking in religious jargon," she told me, and among recent speakers in her overseas programme were an actress, a scientist, a weatherman, a farmer and a school teacher.

Lift Up Your Hearts has been in her charge since it started when she joined the BBC in 1950.

"It is a job choosing people who will be welcome in the kitchen at ten to eight in the morning," she laughed. "Quite a tricky position to be in, you know."

Warm charm

Tall, angularly handsome, with bright brown eyes, she is full of warm, unadorned charm—although a late colleague described her to me as "a good scout, but a bit terrifying."

Musical enough to have her ARCM for violinists and clever enough at drumming to make it pay her fees for four years' theological study at London University, Elsie Chamberlain was ordained into the Baptist Church in 1947 as a minister. ("Not like the Methodists who give their women just as much work as the men, and only call them deaconesses," she said grimly.)

This year she was the first woman to be elected chairman of all the Congregational Churches in England and Wales.

ROMANY BAIN

Lord Beaverbrook: Let us then refuse to be discouraged even though all our plans for the unity of the Empire have been rejected by the politicians and abandoned by the party leaders. In the words of the hymn dear to so many: "Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

I WONDER what you can see from your bedroom window. An Empire?

Well, I can lie in bed with the flu (which is what I am doing now) and from this bedroom window I can look out across a wonderful sweeping valley of the East Sussex Downs to the parish of the Rev Robert Hunt.

It is the parish of Heathfield. You can still read Robert Hunt's entries in the yellowing parchment of the church register.

Founder

BUT "Maister Hunt" is at Heathfield no more. For in December 1604, the time of King James I, Robert Hunt sailed to the New World as one of the leaders of the first successful colonising expedition which even sailed from Britain.

So this neighbour Hunt turns out to be one of the founders of the British Empire.

I do not know a great deal about Robert Hunt, except that on the second day after he reached Chesapeake Bay he began to build a church which had a sail for a roof.

In flames

THE other thing I know about Hunt is that when a ship at last arrived at Chesapeake Bay after the colonists had been fighting for survival for more than a year, one of the visiting sailors accidentally set fire to the whole encampment.

Mme Ulanova
falls in love



He is calm, polite, fond of his job, and he's English

By SHELLEY ROWDE

GALINA Ulanova, prima ballerina of Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet, fell in love during her triumphant season in London last year. Ulanova found "an image of a man. A man calm by nature, full of self-respect, fond of his job, polite and intelligent."

Who is he? "The ordinary Englishman."

The 40-year-old dancer tells of her affection for the average Englishman in her London Diary, just published in the Moscow monthly Soviet Literature.

She writes: "I tell in love with this Englishman and I am convinced that he is full of good will and a readiness to all people..."

It was on the day of the Bolshoi's last performance in Britain that Ulanova wrote those words in her diary. "But there was something much more important than the success of the final performance," she says. "That was our leaving-taking with the public—the storm of applause was so violent that at one moment I felt so frightened I shrank back from the footlights."

Up went "Maister Hunt's" little church in flames, and all his books, and down they went into ashes. But Hunt stayed on to build a new church.

Pilgrimage

NOW, on Friday week, May 24, I intend to make a short journey of homage across this green valley to Hunt's church.

For me, an East Sussex man, it might be called Hunt's Day. To others, in different parts of Britain, it might be Cook's Day, or Wolfe's Day, or Banks' Day, or Clive's Day, or Rhodes' Day. But to us all will also be Empire Day. And when I get to Heathfield Church there will be more to pay homage to than "Maister Hunt." It will be the day to remember in my association with 400 million fellow members of the Empire.

Saddening

A NUMBER of these British Empire fellow citizens I know personally—in the Far East, Africa, India, Canada, Ceylon. And it is sad for me to know that India and Ceylon will not be celebrating Empire Day at all.

This is because they do not favour the word Empire. To them it smacks too much of the Roman word from which it is derived—imperium, rule.

But how wrong are those nations to discard the celebration of Empire Day for such a reason. For, once the governing hand of Britain is withdrawn, much more vital does it become to maintain the other disciplines of Empire association.

A lesson

I BELIEVE that it is only in obedience to these symbolic anniversaries and in the ardent perpetuation of links of history, blood, and mutual consultation that the spirit of our Empire can thrive and strengthen.

There is not one person in Britain this morning who has not a personal duty towards this greatest brotherhood of nations of which we, whether we like it or not, are leaders.

The most challenging lesson I have learned while travelling about the world is how the countries of the Empire watch Britain minutely for her guidance, her example, and above all her interest in them. Too often they are disappointed.

Too often the feeling of the other members of the Empire about Britain's view of them can be summed up by the New Zealander who said: "Every so often somebody pops out here for 24 hours, nips back to Whitehall and says: 'It's all right, chaps, they are still there.'"

A chance

WHAT special part can you play on May 24? Well, you can fly the flag from your home. Or perhaps you can send a greetings telegram to your relatives living in a distant country under the Union Jack.

In one way or another you can make it the day to remember that our Empire has been built by the British tenacity, courage, vigour, and faith in God of the kind which made a man of Robert Hunt. And that by such, and such alone, it will be maintained.

It will be the chance for you to prove your loyalty to this Empire dedicated to brotherhood, peace, and civilisation.

You cannot ignore it. If you are not with it actively, you are actively against it.

Man of the Century

A MAN once asked George Mallory, one of the greatest of British mountaineers, why he bothered to climb mountains. He replied: "Because they are there."

Mallory climbed mountains because they were there. Because Everest was there, because it was the highest peak in the world, because he wanted to stand where no man had stood before.... he died.

Clad in his English tweeds and Alpine hat Mallory set out in 1924 to tackle the final heights of Everest and was never seen again.

It was nearly thirty years later when a young New Zealander set out in his footsteps. His story begins in the China Mail tomorrow, and appears daily.

Sir Edmund Hillary by Bryan Adams

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UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN BEATS LEWIS HOAD IN FIVE-SET MATCH

Paris, May 23.

A little known 20-year-old Australian player, Neal Gibson, today eliminated his world-famous compatriot, Lewis Hoad, in an exciting third round encounter for the French International Hard Court Tennis Championship.

Gibson, who was rated 10th Australian player last year, was not placed in this year's rating and had to play his way through a four-round elimination tournament to qualify for the men's singles proper.

After a first-round bye, Gibson had to fight hard yesterday to gain a five-set second-round victory over Llanos of Mexico. But today he played in calm, well-thought-out game to pull up from two sets down and beat the world leading amateur player, Lewis Hoad, in five sets.

For Hoad, who won the French title last year, it was defeat at the first hurdle. He had received a bye and then a walkover into round three.

Gibson's match winning weapon was his two-handed backhand played like a cricket stroke. Time and again he teed off sending passing shots with it and for some unaccountable reason Hoad never ceased to bite into the net, against the stroke.

The centre court crowd was hushed by the fascinating duel. Probably the spectators believed that Hoad's tremendous experience would get him out of trouble.

But Gibson continued to play like a champion. When on match point he fired across a two-handed drive to the corner and Hoad's attempted return floated out of court.

Gibson threw his racket high in the air, reached skywards and leapt the net to shake hands with the beaten champion.

BACK INJURY

Hoad played a confident, brilliant game to win the first two sets against Gibson without difficulty and the spectators were all set for an easy three-set victory for last year's Paris and Wimbledon Champion, who was seeded number one this year despite the fact that he is still suffering from a back-injury.

In the third set, however, Gibson attacked all the time and frequently caught Hoad on the wrong foot with his accurate double-handed back-hand volleys and his back-hand cross-court returns placed near the outside lines.

Gibson kept up a steady pressure to win the third and fourth sets and equalised at two sets all.

In an awed and respectful silence, the 2,000 odd spectators watched Gibson take a 3-1 and then 4-2 lead in the last decisive set. Hoad took risks, rushed to the net, ran for every ball and put terrific power into his returns.

But Gibson faced up to the onslaught and time and again won the point with his magic backhand volley. He led at 5-3 and 5-4, and finally won out on his service at 6-4.

A SETBACK

British tennis received a setback when Michael Davies, top man in Britain's Davis Cup

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LEWIS HOAD

Dane who put out Drobny yesterday. Herb Flam (United States) and Gibson.

THE RESULTS

Men's Doubles—second round. Malcolm Anderson and Ashley Cooper (Australia) beat B. Bazin and M. Schaff (France) 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

Kurt Nielsen and Torben Ulrich (Denmark) beat Henry Pellizza and Michel Lemaire (France) by a walkover.

Herbie Flam and Budge Patty (USA) beat M. Alvarez (Colombia) and C. Koenig (South Africa) by a walkover.

J. Vashoth and A. Adam (Hungary) beat R. Beqard (Canada) 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

H. Huber and P. Scholl (Germany) beat Robert Hallett and

Dodgers Trade Pitchers

New York, May 23.

The Brooklyn Dodgers today traded pitcher Don Eklund to the Chicago Cubs for pitchers Vito Valentini and Jackie Collum in addition to two other unidentified players.

A National League night game between St. Louis and Cincinnati is the only Major League game scheduled today.—United Press.

WORLD OF SPORT

Now They Are After Eddie Firmani's Younger Brother

Eddie Firmani, the former Charlton Athletic centre-forward, for whom the Italian club Sampdoria paid £35,000, led Italy's 'B' forwards against Egypt in the Mediterranean Cup international at Pescara, Italy, recently.

As this was Eddie's third international appearance for Italy, and despite his South African origin, this makes him a 'full' Italian according to Italian Football Association regulations.

This means that Sampdoria will be free to engage another player of Italian descent. So we can expect an early cash bid for Eddie's younger brother Peter, the Charlton full-back.

Peter played with Eddie while on holiday in Italy last year, and the Sampdoria club were extremely impressed with his performance in a hush-hush trial.

Incidentally, Eddie and his London-born wife, Patricia, who is daughter of Charlton's assistant manager, George Robinson, return to England next month for their first visit since Eddie signed for Sampdoria.

MOTOR CYCLE CHAMPION

It looked as though former world motor cycle champion Geoff Duke, who missed the first of the year's Grand Prix meetings in Germany through injuries, might also miss the second championship round, the Isle of Man TT races.

When the closing date for entries arrived, the last two received were from Geoff Duke and his new German teammate, Scotsman Bob McIntyre.

Nothing like a bit of excitement to liven things up. When Nino Valdes outpointed Johnny Holman in Chicago recently, both boxers went over the

Paul Jalabert (France) 1-0, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

Gerard Pilet and Marc Lassy (France) beat Jean-Pierre Bergrut (France) and Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt) 9-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Mike Davies and Robert Wilson (Britain) beat J. Gulyas and Z. Katona (Hungary) 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Jackie Brichant and Philippe Washer (Belgium) beat Philippe Deniau and Claude Lesage (France) 6-2, 6-1, 7-9, 6-4.

Gordon Forbes and Abo Segot (South Africa) beat Andreus Hummerley (Chile) and E. Martinez (Spain) 6-3, 6-3, 7-6.

Sergio Jacobini (Italy) and Vladislav Skonecki (Poland) beat H. Barrett and Billy Knight (Britain) 10-8, 6-3, 6-3.

Robert Howe (Australia) and Harry Schwartz (USA) beat A. Ayilla and A. Gimeno (Spain) 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Neal Gibson and Warren Woodcock (Australia) beat N. Nicola and Popovic (Yugoslavia) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

Nayesh Kumar and Ramathan Krishnan (India) beat A. Palafox and Reyes (Mexico) 5-7, 6-6, 6-1, 14-12.

Women's singles—2nd round

Madame Suzle Kormoczi (Hungary) beat Madame R. Gimault (France) 6-5, 6-1.

Madame Ghislaine Bueille (France) beat Mademoiselle C. Monnet (France) 6-1, 6-2.—France Presse and Reuter.

JENNETTE'S SO HAPPY!



Ice queen into radiantly happy mother. That's the transformation that British friends of 26-year-old Mrs. Marc Wirz (the former Jeannette Altwegg) are now seeing at first hand.

Liverpool-born Mrs. Wirz is seen here romping with her two young sons—Tony David, aged 20 months, and Duri Jon, aged nine months—on the lawn at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs H. Altwegg, in Southampton.

Mrs. Wirz, who now lives in Switzerland, is having a two months' holiday in Britain; she expects to return to Switzerland at the end of May.

Former World and Olympic Figure Skating Champion, Mrs. Wirz turned down a £2,000-a-week offer to turn professional after winning a Gold Medal at the 1932 Winter Olympics. She was married in October 1934 to a Swiss civil engineer who is at present doing an extended annual period of military service.—Reuterphoto.

It's Time To Stop Switching Colin Cowdrey, Says Denis Compton

What is the "Kipper's" future as a Test cricketer? "Kipper" is the nick-name of Colin Cowdrey, the Kent and England batsman.

It was given to him because of his partiality for 40 winks, and some people now think it has extended to his batting.

They are being unkind to one of the most able players of the present generation.

Colin may not have quite fulfilled his rich promise of the MCC tour of Australia in 1954-5, but he is by no means a failure. He has not come out of the game of "switch and chance" unscathed.

Questioned about England's shortage of opening batsmen at the end of the 1954-5 tour, our skipper, Len Hutton, suggested Colin would make an ideal No. 1.

A GOOD TEAM MAN

Colin was asked if he would try the job. Other Test class players were asked, but declined. Cowdrey, a good team man, said he would make the switch.

He was chosen as opening batsman for England throughout that summer as partner to Peter Richardson.

They did well together, but I know Colin did not like it. He felt happier—and, equally important, felt he could do better—further down the list.

Furthermore, it did seem Colin's promotion merely plugged one gap to leave another. He had done so well at No. 5 that he might well have been left there to establish himself.

In South Africa, after starting as an opener, Cowdrey was re-instated in the middle order. His record in the Tests showed that he began well but fell away.

That his liking for a place away from the new ball is apparent is shown by the fact that when he came home to skipper Kent his first move was to put himself in at No. 4.

He did not resume very brightly, but I disregard such happenings as a passing phase.

The appointment of Peter May to captain England in this summer's Test series against the West Indies takes him within reach of a Test match captaincy record.

May has now led England in 15 consecutive Tests. If he plays throughout the coming five-match rubber, he will set up a new record as captain of England in successive games.

The record is at present held by Wally Hammond. He led England 10 times consecutively, starting the sequence against Australia at Nottingham in 1933 and ending also against Australia at Adelaide in the 1946-47 tour.

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WEST INDIES 179 FOR 3 IN SECOND INNINGS AGAINST YORKSHIRE

Sheffield, May 23.

The West Indies gained a first innings lead of 28 and then scored 179 for three in their second innings here today on the second day of the match against Yorkshire.

Yorkshire, 59 for four overnight in reply to the West Indies first innings of 190, were all out for 162 just after lunch. The Yorkshire total would have been much less but for a fine innings of 64 in 85 minutes by spin bowler Johnny Wardle, who hit one six and eight fours.

COUNTY CRICKET

Ken Grieves Hits 224—Highest Score Of Season

London, May 23.

Ken Grieves, 31-year-old Sydney-born all-rounder, hit the highest score of the English cricket season today with an innings of 224 for Lancashire against Cambridge University.

Grieves, who easily surpassed his previous best of 155, made for the Commonwealth team in India in 1950/51, obtained his runs on the placid Fenners pitch at Cambridge where yesterday Ted Dexter, of Cambridge University, hit 185 for the previous highest of the season.

Lancashire had lost four wickets for 78 overnight in chasing the University's first innings total of 334, but thanks to Grieves and his stand of 127 (with Cyril Washbrook) and 98 (with Roy Collins), they passed the Cambridge figure with three wickets standing and were all out for 400.

Grieves batted for five and a half hours and hit 30 boundaries.

KENYON IN FORM

Don Kenyon, the Worcester-shire and England opening batsman, was also in splendid form and scored 115, including 12 fours, in 185 minutes at Bristol against Gloucestershire.

It was Kenyon's first century of the season, but he was missed behind the stumps in the first over.

The tail-end batsmen saved Warwickshire from the following against Somerset, who gained a first innings lead of 131 and bonus points for faster scoring in the match at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Ironically, it was former Warwickshire seam bowler Brian Lobb who did the early damage against his old county, dismissing three of the first four Warwickshire batsmen for 13 runs in a spell of six overs.

The main resistance then came from Billy Ibadulla, the young Pakistani, who helped in useful partnerships with bowlers Ray Currie and John Bannister.

When Warwickshire were all out for 204, Ibadulla was 49 not out, having hit six fours in a stay of 125 minutes.

Somerset collapsed in their second innings, losing six wickets for 49 at one stage and being all out for 100, John Bannister claiming six of the wickets for 37.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Oxford: Middlesex 153 and 115 for one (Blick 50, Gale 56 not out). Oxford University 348 (Hobbs 95, Eagar 73).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 334 and 80 for one (McLachlan 62 not out). Lancashire 400 (Grieves 224).

At the Oval: Surrey 320 for seven declared and 130 for five declared (Stewart 56, May 64). Sussex 144 and 20 for no wicket.

At Gravesend: Kent 302 for six declared and 134 for five (Cowdrey 63 not out). Leicestershire 109 (Palmer 67).

At Nottingham: Hampshire 270 and 18 for no wicket. Nottinghamshire 285 for nine declared (M. Hill 63, Doolland 63).

At Birmingham: Somerset 335 for seven declared and 100 (Alley 61, Bannister six for 37). Warwickshire 204 (Alley five for 52).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire 307 for eight declared at yesterday's score and 7 for no wicket. Worcestershire 313 for nine declared (Kenyon 115, Richardson (D. W.) 101 not out).—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Football: HKFA dinner in honour of players and Press at Tai Tung Restaurant, 9 p.m.

Tennis: Men's "B" Division: HKCA "2" v RAF.

TOMORROW

Hockey: 1st Division: HKCA v HKC "Gold". 2nd Division: HKCA v HKC "Silver".

3rd Division: HKCA v HKC "Bronze". 4th Division: HKCA v HKC "Blue".

5th Division: HKCA v HKC "Green". 6th Division: HKCA v HKC "Red".

7th Division: HKCA v HKC "Black". 8th Division: HKCA v HKC "White".

9th Division: HKCA v HKC "Purple". 10th Division: HKCA v HKC "Pink".

11th Division: HKCA v HKC "Brown". 12th Division: HKCA v HKC "Grey".

13th Division: HKCA v HKC "Orange". 14th Division: HKCA v HKC "Yellow".

15th Division: HKCA v HKC "Light Blue". 16th Division: HKCA v HKC "Light Green".

17th Division: HKCA v HKC "Light Red". 18th Division: HKCA v HKC "Light Purple".

19th Division: HKCA v HKC "Light Brown". 20th Division: HKCA v HKC "Light Grey".

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121st Division:

Show Business calls on Italy's most famous mother-to-be LA LOLLO SAYS 'NO THANKS' TO THE HYPNOTIST

ROME. IT was the kind of loudspeaker-microphone gadget you find at the entrance to a select block of London flats. But here it was in the heavy gates leading to the mansion on Rome's historic Appian Way. A bit incongruous, I thought.

Rather like a jazz jambores in the Colosseum. But an essential gadget.

The mansion stands so far back from the gates that unwanted callers cannot be spotted from the windows. And there are many unwanted callers. For the mistress of the mansion is the celebrated Gina Lollobrigida.

After announcing my presence through the microphone to a surly-voiced servant who gave me the impression he didn't like the sound of my name, the gates were swung open. I drove up the driveway through the vast garden watched suspiciously by two Alsatian dogs German-trained to fear intruders to pieces, and two Italian gardeners probably trained to use their pruning forks as weapons.

Miss Lollobrigida and her husband Dr. Milko Skofic were waiting on the porch smiling as sunnily as a duke and duchess welcoming half-crown sightseers to their ancestral home.

They shook hands and Dr. Skofic said: "We have to take many precautions here. Somebody is always trying to look in or break in. They even use the cameras with the telescopes."

"We have many valuable things here, apart from my wife. And soon we will have another."

It was a reference—coy, but forgivable—to the fact that they are expecting their first child in July. Which is exciting almost as much interest as Princess Grace Kelly's pregnancy. But the Skofics themselves are taking it all pretty calmly.

They haven't even prepared the nursery suite in their 14-roomed mansion—an oversight which Princess Kelly's publicity agents would never have allowed.

I was taken on tour of the main rooms which are furnished in the grand opulent style. The hall has a vast glistening Venetian chandelier which would grace a palace ballroom, and a beautiful antique grandfather clock with an inscription on its face stating it was made in, of all places, Glasgow.

The dining-room is hung with several Dutch masterpieces and a still-life signed Lollobrigida. (She was once an art student.)

Meet The West Indies



EVERTON WEEKES (Barbados)

Born Bridgetown, February 25, 1925. Right-hand batsman, and leg-break bowler. 38 Tests.

AMONG contemporary cricketers the squally-built, powerful Weekes has the highest Test average—64.40. His 3,805 runs for the West Indies—he has scored only one Test century—include 14 centuries and 10 scores of 50 and above.

He is the only player to have made five consecutive Test centuries. He also opened the New Zealand tour a year ago with five hundreds in a row, falling by one to equal the record held jointly by Sir Donald Bradman and C. B. Fry.

Leg trouble Seven seasons ago in England his aggregate was 2,510 including a treble-century and four double-centuries.

The one serious handicap the new faces is recurring leg trouble. He will be used sparingly on this, his fifth overseas tour, to ensure his fitness for the Tests.

Weekes is a glorious stroke-maker, with the most effective cut in the game.



GINA LOLLOBRIGIDA... first child.



by LOGAN GOURLAY

We sat down on golden sofas in the lounge, or salon, beneath a magnificent Brueghel of a plumpish lady holding out a succulent apple and displaying fatherly cheer with an inscription on its face stating it was made in, of all places, Glasgow.

She picked up a thick, salami sandwich from a stender table and said: "Now I am always hungry. Would you like a bite?"

I refused to deprive an expectant mother of even a crumb. I complimented her on the fact that her figure has lost little of its renowned shapeliness.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 21. Orders by Brigadier L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated May 21, 1957.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS
1st Platoon—Thursday May 23, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
2nd Platoon—Tuesday May 28, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
3rd Platoon—Wednesday May 29, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
4th Platoon—Thursday May 30, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
5th Platoon—Friday May 31, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.

THE HONGKONG REGIMENT
Training—A Coy Tuesday May 28, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
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HONGKONG GUARDS
Training—Thursday May 30, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
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HONGKONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE
Training—Thursday May 30, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.
Friday May 31, 1957—Parade 5.30 p.m. Dress: Full.

"She is lucky," said her husband, "It is not because I make her do the special exercises. That is just the publicity. She played a little tennis until recently, that's all."

Wishing I had taken advice from Anne Scott-Jones, I asked what I hoped were the right questions for a pre-natal interview.

Were they hoping for a boy or girl?

"I would like a girl, I think," she said. "So would Milko—until she's 15. After that it is better for a man to have a son."

Would the birth be under hypnosis or by any modern methods?

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Instead he will appear in The Firefly for the Rank Organisation, which will take him to Liverpool for eight weeks.

They each said: "It was a very difficult decision to make. Hope it's the right one."

I said: "I hope so too." And (to Mr. Baker): "I hope you like Liverpool."

Each added: "It's not patriotism or anything like that."

Still, I think John Davis, boss of the Rank Organisation, should strike them a medal for loyal services. At least give

"Not hypnosis. But it will be the natural childbirth method which is modern—and old. No drugs but no pain."

Would she be giving up her career to devote herself to motherhood?

"No. Definitely not. I think being a mother is the most important thing a woman can do. Being a film star is not important and it is empty. But I have contracts."

She also has inducements like offers from Hollywood of 300,000 dollars for one film plus two and a half per cent of the profits.

Which, of course, helps to conquer that empty feeling.

AVA'S FRIEND

Conversation in the shop of a shirtmaker in Rome:

Shirtmaker: We make silk shirts and pyjamas for many famous people. Including Ava Gardner.

Gourlay: I thought this was a man's shop.

Shirtmaker: Yes. But she ordered for Walter Chursi, the boy friend.

Gourlay: Ah.

Shirtmaker: Three full sets.

Gourlay: A generous girl.

JOB VACANT

Most Hollywood epics on location appear to be in a state of organised disorder. David O. Selznick's *From Here to Eternity*, shooting in the Italian Dolomites, has been no exception, especially since it lost director John Huston.

(Charles) Victor is now taking over after several others have turned the job down.

The Rank unit who are making Campbell's *Kingdom* in the same part of the world have been looking on and saying nothing. But it may have been having some effect on them. Anyway, Dirk Bogarde and Stanley Baker have turned down two attractive Hollywood offers.

Bogarde was to play the leading man in a new musical film version of *Gigi*. He was to have: (1) Songs specially written for him by the team responsible for that amazing hit *My Fair Lady*; (2) Co-stars including Marlene Dietrich and Maurice Chevalier; (3) Salary around £50,000.

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them one of those Rank gongs for their dining rooms.

THE DIFFERENCE
International time table: On my way to Cortina the train from Milan to Venice (a four-hour journey) arrived dead on time.

On my way back the train from Venice to Rome (a six-hour journey) arrived dead on time.

On my way out the train from my home to Waterloo (a half-hour journey) arrived—10 minutes late.

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NO PEACE
I used to like sipping a drink in the cafes of Rome. Even when it's cold, as it was last week, and I had to sit indoors. But now every cafe has a large-screen TV set turned on full blast from eight to midnight.

Conversation is practically impossible. Calling a waiter is definitely impossible.

The programmes, I was told, are no worse than ours. But they sound worse.

LANGUAGE CLASS
Friendly note to Sophia Loren, who has been filming *Legend of the Lost in Rome*—and learning English from some Cockney members of the unit—

When you come here later this year don't tell any member of the 'welcoming party' who pays you compliments to 'Turn it up, mate.'

I know your teachers told you to do it, but they're pulling your beautiful leg.

STREET SCENE
Seen in picturesque Rome: A priest in black cassock walking along the Via Veneto carrying a multi-coloured umbrella. A golfing umbrella.

I had already been in touch with an official of the Hungarian Relief Committee in London.

He told me that Eva or any of her sisters could easily 'rescue' their father by sending the necessary documents and guarantees.

In fact, as they were American citizens and he was an old man of 73, he would get priority.

Armed with this knowledge I showed Miss Gabor the American newspaper clipping.

"But of course it is not true," she exclaimed.

"How did Louella Parsons come to print it in her famous column?"

"Some publicity man thought it would make a good story, I suppose. Louella is a good friend of mine and I don't want to offend her. But she hasn't time to check every story the publicity men give her."

I said: "I'm told that during the revolution you were seen in Vienna wearing mink and a black wig."

"I was in Vienna," she agreed, "but I did not go into Hungary."

"Why were you in Vienna at the time?"

"I am born Hungarian, so I went to see if I could help the Hungarians."

"But why the mysterious black wig? They say you explained it by declaring you were in disguise so that you would not be kidnapped by the Reds."

LOOKED DRAB
"I wore it to escape publicity," she said.

"When I flew over the North Pole to Copenhagen I put on the wig and a plain coat. I wanted to look drab and uninteresting—and I did."

The newspaper men and the photographers ignored me at the airport and the hotel.

The Strange Case Of Eva Gabor—Why Did She Wear The Black Wig?

By MOORE RAYMOND

Hearken to the strange story of Eva Gabor. It involves Papa Gabor, the Communist, a black wig, a film script, and—of course—the beautiful Eva herself. A few days ago this appeared in the syndicated feature written by famous Hollywood columnist Louella Parsons:

"The effort Eva Gabor has made to rescue her father from Communist-dominated Hungary is being made into a motion picture."

Miss Parsons said that screenwriter Glen Bohannon, a close friend of the Gabor, had written "the story of how Eva went into Hungary herself in an attempt to bring her father out."

PAPA WENT BACK
She added that Miss Gabor, while in London for her present British film ("The Truth about Women"), was making every effort to rescue her father.

Now...I've always been under the impression that in none of the Gabor girls' diaries—under the heading of "Things to do Today"—was the entry "Write Papa." Much less "Rescue Papa."

As for Miss Jolie Gabor, she got a divorce from Mr. Gabor in 1934. In March this year she married Edmund de Szigethy, aristocratic Hungarian refugee.

The Gabor exodus from Budapest to America began with Eva in 1939. Zsa-Zsa followed in 1941. Mother and Magda waited till after the war.

Later still Papa Gabor joined them. He spent six months in New York and six months in Hollywood.

In disagreement, or disgust, he returned to Budapest. There he set up a jewellery business.

Some Hungarian friends tell me that he dealt in imitation precious stones—euphemistically called "costume jewellery."

But Eva Gabor assured me that it was the genuine stuff. She said so while being held prisoner by me in the Rolls that took us from Shepperton Studios to her Park-lane flat.

IT'S NOT TRUE!
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NOTICE

13TH RACE MEETING 1956/57.

The above race meeting advertised for Saturday, 25th May, 1957, has been postponed to Saturday, 1st June, 1957.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race run at 2.00 p.m.

All previous arrangements as to Admission Tickets and Cash Sweep Tickets, including Through Chances already booked, will hold good for that date.

DECLARATIONS
Owners are notified that all starting declarations for Saturday, 25th May, 1957, are cancelled. Ponies starting on Saturday, 1st June, 1957, will require to be declared in the usual manner.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

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NAMESAKES
INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?
1 Murdered wife
2 Sad event
3 Dramatic
4 Italian town
5 Tango
6 Tudor Queen
7 Wild country
Solution on Page 9

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FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1957.

SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

Magistrate Grants Request

When Oscar Angulo, 28-year-old Mexican, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning pleading guilty to possession of heroin, he asked to be dealt with leniently, adding that he had to support three children.

He said when he was caught on the roof of 141, Connaught Road Central, on Wednesday, he was only holding a heroin pipe and did not smoke.

The Magistrate was told that Angulo had two previous convictions in 1951 and 1953 but not for similar offences. Mr. Lo imposed a fine of \$100 or 14 days.

"Your Honour," pleaded Angulo on hearing the penalty, "can you give me a chance? Can you please fine me \$75. You see, I've only got \$75 with me."

"\$75?" asked the Magistrate.

"Yes, please," replied Angulo.

"Alright," the Magistrate said, "I'll fine you \$50 or 10 days."

"Thank you," said Angulo, as he was conducted away from the dock.

Today's Gazetted Appointments

The promotion of Mr. N. G. Rolph, Superintendent of Police, to the rank of Senior Superintendent of Police, was announced in the Government Gazette this morning.

Other appointments, transfers, promotions and postings listed in the Gazette were:

Mr. W. S. Sharp, Building Surveyor, Public Works Department, to be Acting Assistant Chief Building Surveyor; Mr. Andrew Mar, Engineer, Public Works Department, to be Acting Assistant Chief Engineer.

Mr. W. Rees, Assessor, Inland Revenue Department, to be Acting Chief Assessor.

Mr. Henry Christian Brown to be Superintendent of Lights, Marine Department.

Mr. Derek Roy Harris, Sub-Inspector of Police, to be Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. W. S. T. Lacey to a Member of the Traffic Advisory Committee during the absence of Mr. C. F. Wood.

Over Inch Of Rain

The Hongkong Royal Observatory recorded a total rainfall of 1.33 inches from 1 a.m. to noon today.

Maternity Jacket



White Pebble Point
With a Tyrolean Trim

Pretty White 'cover-up' to pair with slim skirts... trimmed with red shoulder straps and pockets that are outlined with black ribbon and little white heart-buttons to add the finishing touch. Pebble point is a dip n' dry, no-iron cotton.

TO-DAY AT



UNION INSURANCE DIVIDE SHARES INTO £1 UNITS Society Enters Field Of Nuclear Power

Excellent progress in the acquisition of new sources of business was reported by the Hon. C. Blaker, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at the Society's annual general meeting this morning.

The past year, Mr. Blaker stated, heralded the approach of a new era in the use of nuclear power for peaceful purposes, and the Society had entered the field of insurance in this regard along with other insurance companies.

The meeting, held in the Head Office of the Society at Alexandra House, also passed a resolution calling for the 200,000 shares of £10 each in the Capital to be divided into 10 shares of £1 each.

Statement Amplified

Mr. Blaker said:

"The Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1956 were issued on May 9 and you will have had an opportunity to peruse these and to examine the figures. Following usual custom and subject to your agreement, I propose to take the Report of the Directors as read."

"My statement upon the Society's affairs accompanying the printed Accounts deals with matters mainly affecting our business during 1956, but I would like to amplify that statement to some extent."

"Our business is a highly competitive one and the feature of the operations during the past year is the excellent progress made in the acquisition of new sources of business. Taking our three Revenue Accounts together, our total income has risen by £1,328,289 which, I am sure you will agree, is no mean achievement under present conditions. It is our policy to take advantage of every opportunity which presents itself to expand our portfolio of business within the sphere of sound underwriting practice."

Looking Back

"We have to look back 10 years to 1947 to find a year when our net profit was lower than the figure of £354,727 shown in the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account now before you. In that year our total premium amounted to well under £544 million whereas in 1956 the corresponding figure was over £12 million. Shareholders will appreciate the immense progress illustrated by these figures, which also emphasise the effects of competition upon the profit margin."

"Under modern conditions the scope of the cover granted by policies has been considerably broadened and this feature has its effect on the results in the Underwriting Departments."

"The increase in the Marine claims ratio to premiums by 9.12 per cent was not unexpected as the previous year's ratio was exceptionally low owing to collection of recoveries in respect of earlier years of account."

Fire Claims

"The Fire claims ratio at 47.91 per cent of premiums was 1.47 per cent higher than that for 1955."

"In the Accident and General Account the claims ratio to premiums has increased from 54.16 per cent to 61.31 per cent. The main reason for this increase is, as you will have noted from my statement accompanying the accounts, largely due to the adverse experience in the transaction of Motor Insurance."

"It is the opinion of your Directors that after taking into account the temporary strain caused by our substantial premium expansion and the difficulties experienced worldwide by Insurance Companies, the Group has had a not unduly satisfactory year."

"Industrial development calls for the introduction of new forms of insurance and 1956 heralded the approach of a new era in the use of nuclear power for peaceful purposes. The erection and operation of nuclear reactors present a field of insurance for damage and liability risks in which the Society has entered along with other Insurance Companies. The agreed underwriting system is for insurers to contract together to share the heavy liabilities involved. Our share of this business is by participation in the Pools of Insurance Companies organised in London for Home and Foreign risks and also in the Pool organised in the United States of America for risks in that territory."

Staff Matters

"Turning to Staff matters, our Head Office Inspector, Mr. J. H. M. Andrew retired at the end of January this year, and in the course of the next few weeks the Fire Manager, Mr. S. M. Garrard will be retiring after more than 37 years' service with the Society. Mr. C. Maclean, the Marine Manager, sailed for England on retirement earlier this month."

"I am sure you will join me in extending to them our best wishes for many happy years of well-deserved rest in their new environment. To those who replace them at Head Office we wish all success."

"With these remarks I formally move the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Society, as presented, and that the Directors' recommendations be confirmed. I would ask a shareholder to second the motion, after which I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability."

Motion Seconded

"Seconding, Mr. G. R. Ross said: 'It is as usual a pleasure to listen to the annual summary of our affairs given by our Chairman covering as they do successful operations on a worldwide scale.'

"We have come to expect continual solid progress and again, this year is no exception. The increase in net premium as compared with 1955 being in the region of one and a quarter million pounds which is really a considerable achievement."

"The Chairman in his speech remarked that we have to look back to 1947 to find a lower net profit than for 1956. Having read the reports of a number of other insurance companies I am of the opinion that we can feel well satisfied with our results."

"The split in value of the shares is a welcome move which will enable a wider range of shareholders in future to take an interest in the Society should they so wish."

"I take this opportunity of thanking the Directors, General Manager and Staff for their continuing care of our interests and now have pleasure in seconding the motion that the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Society as presented be adopted and that the Directors' recommendations be confirmed."

Re-elections

Mr. G. M. Goldsack was re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. A. W. Black, seconded by Mr. G. B. S. Thompson.

Mr. H. Owen-Hughes was also re-elected to the Board, on the proposal of Mr. J. H. Seth, seconded by Mr. T. H. G. Bryfield.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Pent, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$10,000 per annum. This was proposed by Mr. W. W. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. E. Abraham.

Share Division

"The next business of the Meeting is to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions:—

"That with effect from and including the 28th day of May (Contd. on Page 8, Col. 7)

Made False Declaration

Chiu Sze-pang, 29, clerk of Room 411, Hongkong Hotel building, was fined \$750 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning, for making a false declaration at the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Imposing the fine, Mr. Lo said the offence was a serious one. He added that Hongkong was an entrepot and the D. C. and I. had to watch the growth of the Hongkong industry which also affected the defendant. "If Hongkong loses its reputation, the 'boomerang' will come against you."

Revenue Insp. L. Dunning, prosecuting, said in a declaration made in support of an application for a certificate of origin, the defendant had stated that 600 dozens of children's shirts were made of rayon whereas in fact they were made of cotton.

Pleading guilty to the charge, Mr. David Sze, of Messrs. Brattens, representing the defendant, said the defendant had signed the declaration which had been filed in by the manufacturers of the shirts. The defendant had pleaded guilty as he had signed the document.

Mr. Sze said the mistake was made entirely by the manufacturers. The defendant, he said, was a bona fide exporter and had no intention whatsoever to make a false declaration.

ESCAPING CHARGES

Chiang Su, 20, was remanded until tomorrow by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of escaping from prison.

He was alleged to have escaped from Chi Ma Wan Prison, Lantau Island, on May 10, while being a prisoner undergoing a six months' sentence passed on April 26 upon conviction on a charge of being a thief society member.

A second defendant, Wong Kai, 27, charged with a similar offence, was remanded until this afternoon. He was alleged to have escaped from the Chi Ma Wan Prison yesterday when serving a sentence of eight months for possession of a housebreaking instrument.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Miss Bixby, you wouldn't have to be looking out the window so much these nice sunny days if you'd take us on a picnic!"

Tucker More At Ease Last Night

Mr. Tucker's second recital at the Empire Theatre last night attracted once more a large and responsive audience. The programme was rather more interesting than the first one in that it contained some lesser known but extremely beautiful operatic arias, and a few great favourites such as "M'Appari" from Flotow's Martha and "Al hal, thou dwelling pure and holy" from Gounod's Faust.

It would hardly be correct to state that Mr. Tucker sang "better" last night, for as regards technique, production, interpretation and all other aspects of his singing, there was nothing to choose between the excellence of both evenings. But last night it seemed that Mr. Tucker was really at ease from the start, that he had discarded the slight conventionalities of the first occasion and had entered into a warm and friendly relationship with the audience.

He opened with a recitative and aria from Joseph by Mehul, lyrical rather than dramatic, and expressively sung. Of full length, which was in a contrast to the rich fullness of his voice in the heavier songs. Turiddu's "Farewell" to his Mother from Cavalleria Rusticana was the most dramatic operatic song of the evening, and given with an intensity of emotion that brought a heartfelt response from the audience.

Solo Group

After the interval, Mr. Jospe, the pianist, gave a solo group, as on the first occasion. He chose two pieces which gave scope for his agility and limpid touch—Ravel's "Jeux d'Eaux" and Weber's "Rondo Brillante." As an encore he played a work of his own, a Prelude to a Ballet based on the character of Lili Abner, a favourite American cartoon personality. It is a pleasant composition, revealing the influence of Gershwin, such a vital and dominant force in American musical composition. Mr. Jospe had a fine reception; it sets a good precedent for every point of view for the pianist to have a solo group in a recital of this kind.

Mr. Tucker once more gave a group of American songs. Outstanding was John Alden Carpenter's lovely setting of a poem by Tagore, "When I bring you colour'd toys," which was full of tenderness. "The Gambler's Lament" was most tragic, and Mr. Tucker created an atmosphere full of horror in this macabre song.

Final Item

Two French arias led to the final item—two famous Neapolitan songs, the last being Rossini's lively Tarantella, a grand "patter" song with a racy and effective accompaniment in which Mr. Jospe excelled. Mr. Tucker received

GOODWILL ENVOY ARRIVES FROM JAPAN

Nagoya's "Goodwill Envoy to the World's Major Ports", Mr. Isao Ito, arrived in Hongkong this morning on board the Atsuta Maru in the course of a world tour in celebration of the golden jubilee of the opening of the Port of Nagoya.

Mr. Ito, a Special Correspondent of the Chubu Nippon Press of Nagoya, said the main purpose of the mission was to promote international trade relations between Nagoya and other major ports in the world.

He has brought with him to Hongkong, messages of goodwill and souvenirs from the Mayor, Port Authority and Chamber of Commerce of the City of Nagoya to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, the Director of Marine and the Chamber of Commerce.

Beautiful Port

Mr. Ito said he thought Hongkong was beautiful as a port, and the centre of Far East trade. He is going to write articles on the various ports he calls at on his tour back to Japan.

His itinerary includes Keelung, Hongkong, Singapore, Aden, Port Sudan, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Genoa, Marseilles, Valencia, Tangier, Casablanca, London, Liverpool and Hamburg.

Mr. Ito said the tour has been sponsored by the Port Authority of Nagoya as part of the celebrations of the opening of Nagoya as a port 50 years ago on November 10, 1907.

HE Gives Assent To Medical Bill

Supplement No. 1 to this morning's Government Gazette announced that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, has given assent to the Ordinance to repeal and to re-enact, with amendment, the Medical Registration Ordinance, Chapter 161.

The announcement said that the Ordinance, which was given its final readings and passed into law with eight amendments at a Legislative Council meeting on Wednesday, will come into force on June 1.

The announcement further stated that Section 27 of the Ordinance "shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Gazette."

WOUNDING CASE ADJOURNED

A wounding case at the Criminal Sessions was adjourned until 10 am on Monday, when it was found this morning that the accused was suffering from influenza.

Yan Woon-ku, 47, cafe fold, was being tried by a Jury of six men and a woman before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes. Yan was alleged to have wounded four colleagues with a chopper while they were asleep in the early hours of February 2.

The hearing resumed today, the accused, who had given evidence on his own behalf yesterday, told the Court through the interpreter that he was feeling ill and wished to see a doctor.

SENT MESSAGE

Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, stated that he had just sent a message to Dr. C. O. Lee, medical officer of the Victoria Remand Prison, to come and examine the prisoner.

Following an adjournment of about half an hour, His Lordship disclosed that the medical report said the accused was suffering from influenza fever and was at the moment unfit to stand trial.

The next date of hearing having been fixed, the Judge told Defence witnesses, who were awaiting their turn to give evidence, to return on Monday.

RHKDF Promotion

The promotion of Second Lieutenant R.D. Johnstone to the rank of Lieutenant in Force Headquarters was announced in the Government Gazette this morning.

More Local News On Page 8

OUR BOUFFANT BOUQUET...

Flowers shower R & K's Westminster lawn cherner... It's cooling bodice boasts provocative bows, tiny tucks and an icing of dainty fagoting... the full skirt flirts with every summer breeze!

Stay fresh and fair in Daeron cotton and tulle... For frocks made of "Daeron" shuns wrinkles, stays neat and starch-free, and keeps upkeep down. Just suds and drip-dry. At most, there's little ironing!

JUST UNPACKED...

dream-shaped "Tulid" swimsuits... curved in the right places, sleek in the right places, slim in the middle and exciting around the neck and neckline as the newest "Giverny" inspired perfect-fitting suits in latest-powered fabric and cotton prints.



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